

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/930,821

Applicant(s)
Fukunaga et al.

Examiner
Joseph Weiss

Art Unit
3761

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) Mr & Mrs Fukunaga

(2) Daniel Schein

(4) Kevin Burrow

Date of Interview Apr 30, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:
F1, F2, Bain & Dryden Sample Line

Claim(s) discussed: 13 and 21

Identification of prior art discussed:
Dryden US 5284160

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The 132 dec and supplemental amdt avoids Dryden, based on evidence & skill of how Dryden's design cannot be a proximal fitting. The objective consideration of commercial success provides evidence of commercial success in the market (e.g. market share before/after introduction) linked to the merits of the invention. Allowability is predicated upon subsequent search and/or consideration. The supplemental amdt appears to remedy the drawing/disclosure errors, however, a cross sectional drawing of the proximal fitting 130 would be beneficial to better illustrate flange/stop 132.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required